

CLOSING OF THE SCHOOLS

The Final Exercises Held Yesterday.

BENEDICTINE INSTITUTE

St. Patrick's and Monte Maria Also Close After an Especially Bright Session—Notes and Gossip.

Nearly all the Catholic schools of the city have closed after prosperous and fruitful sessions. Two or three of them are still running, but they, too, will end by the year's work within the next few days.

St. Mary's Academy.

The thirty-third annual commencement of St. Mary's Benedictine Academy was held yesterday. An excellent attendance was present, and the occasion proved a most delightful one. The following programme was carried out:

It. Trivatore, duet, Melotte Op. 117—Miss Inez Damon and Estelle Hulcher. Salutatory—Miss Annie Holzgreffe. Waltz, mandolin, Henlein—Miss Maude Miller. Awarding of medals and honors. Galop, duet, Godefrid—Misses Josephine and Agnes Holzgreffe. Reading—Miss Bertha Levy. Home, Sweet Home, Shalberg—Miss Marie Stumph. Address to the pupils—Very Rev. Father William, O. S. B.

TABLET OF HONOR.

The following is the tablet of honor for the year: First honor, crown—Miss Grace Muller. Second honor—Miss Agnes Holzgreffe. Class honors: Gold medal, eighth grade, highest average—Miss Estelle Hulcher. Premium, eighth grade, for excellence in studies—Miss Marie Stumph. Premium, sixth grade, highest average—Miss Marie Stumph. Premium, fifth grade, highest average—Miss Annie Holzgreffe. Premium, fourth grade, highest average—Miss Annie Holzgreffe. Premium, third grade, highest average—Miss Christina Meyer.

HONORS AWARDED IN MUSIC.

Gold Medal, Seventh Grade: Miss Marie Stumph; gold honor, Miss Mary Rose. Gold Honors, Fifth Grade: Misses Inez Damon and Josephine Holzgreffe. Deserving of special mention for application and progress: Miss Estelle Hulcher.

DRAWING AND PAINTING.

Charcoal Drawing: Miss Keck and Miss Ethel Yeaman. China Painting: Miss Annie Holzgreffe. Water Colors: Misses Josephine Holzgreffe and Agnes Holzgreffe.

PANTRY WORK.

Premium, First Class—Miss Rose Bahen. Premium, Fourth Class—Miss Elise Miller.

St. Patrick's Boys' School.

The closing exercises of St. Patrick's Boys' School were held yesterday morning in the school building. Twenty-sixth and Grace streets. An excellent programme was carried out, as follows:

1. Chorus, "Medley of National Airs." Vocal Class; 2. Opening Address, Thomas Boyler; 3. Recitation, "Maclean's Child," Edward F. Sinnott; 4. Chorus, "The Wanderer"; 5. Vocal Class; 6. Recitation, "How He Saved St. Michael's," Louis A. Dillon; 7. Recitation, "The Little Light," Howard H. Hartzell; 8. Solo and chorus, "My Love is Fair Columbia," Joseph A. Halloran; 9. Dialogue, "The Young Orators," Charles C. Ferguson; 10. Recitation, "The Exile of Erin," Charles F. Nowlan; 11. Piano solo, "Tripping Through the Meadows," Joseph A. Halloran; 12. Recitation, "Sambo's Prayer," Ernest Hinchman; 13. Dialogue, "The Trials of a Boy," John O'Connor; 14. Recitation, "The Boy," John O'Connor; 15. Recitation, "The Boy," John O'Connor; 16. Solo, "Asleep at the Switch," Louis A. Dillon; 17. Recitation, "The Nine Fifteen," Joseph A. Halloran; 18. Chorus, "Valdettory Echo," Vocal Class; 19. Remarks, Rev. H. J. McKelvey; 17. Awarding of medals and premiums; 18. Hymn, "Love of Jesus," Vocal Class; 19. Hymn, "Love of Jesus," Vocal Class.

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DISEASED KIDNEY SYMPTOMS. Agonizing pains in the back, swollen legs or abdomen, discharges from the urethra, heaviness of the bladder, burning sensation or difficulty in passing water, also a frequent desire or even involuntary discharge of urine, cloudy and high-colored urine, rheumatism, red spots and pains in bones and back. Death may frequently follow these symptoms.

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excellence. Louis Dillon; honorable mention for Christian Doctrine, Le Taylor; honorable mention for penmanship, Joseph Neagle; honorable mention for manual department, Albert Foote.

Roll of honor—Louis Dillon, Albert Foote, Leo Taylor, Joseph Neagle. Fourth Grammar Class—Gold medal for merit, Albert Siewers; gold medal for mathematics, Charles Ferguson.

Honorable mention for good conduct—Edward Sinnott, Charles Davis, William Fore. Roll of honor—Louis Dillon, Albert Foote, Leo Taylor, Joseph Neagle.

Fourth Grammar Class—Gold medal for merit, Albert Siewers; gold medal for mathematics, Charles Ferguson. Honorable mention for good conduct—Edward Sinnott, Charles Davis, William Fore, John Grace, Arthur Zimmer, Louis McDonough.

Third Grammar Class—Silver medal for merit, John Fletcher. Honorable mention for good conduct—James Sweeney, Henry Haley, Charles Nolan, Raymond McDonough, Edward Sullivan, Joseph Halloran.

Roll of Honor—John Fletcher, James Sweeney, Charles Nolan, Henry Haley, Joseph Halloran, Edward Sullivan, Raymond Brittle, Raymond McDonough, Leon Rowe, John Martin.

Second Grammar Class—Silver medal for merit, John O'Connor, Lord. Honorable mention for good conduct—Charles Smith, William Grace, Stewart Hinchman, Ernest Hinchman, John O'Connor, Lord.

Roll of Honor—1. John O'Connor, Lord; 2. Charles Smith; 3. Frank Keck; 4. William Grace; 5. Philip Evich; 6. William H. W. Stewart; 7. Hinchman; 8. Edward McLaughlin; 9. Michael McDonough; 10. Percy Ligan; 11. Julius Graserger; 12. Alfred Hulcher; 13. William Fletcher.

First Grammar Class—Silver medal for merit, Grant Lowry; gold medal for good conduct—Thomas Boyle, Thomas Smyly, Louis Landrum.

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Third Primary Class—Silver medal for merit, Bernard Mahoney. Honorable mention for good conduct—William Brittle, Robert Lowry, Lawrence Siewers.

Roll of Honor—1. Bernard Mahoney; 2. William Brittle; 3. Robert Lowry; 4. Lawrence Siewers; 5. Thomas Landrum; 6. Thomas Bahen; 7. Edward Fletcher; 8. Reginald Gay; 9. Columbus Donat; 10. John Bled; 11. Frederick Koss; 12. Harry McKinley; 13. Fritz Hulcher.

Second Primary Class—Silver medal for merit, Charles O'Donnell. Honorable mention for good conduct—Walter Bahen, John Landrum, Charles Barker.

Roll of Honor—1. Charles O'Donnell; 2. Walter Bahen; 3. Thomas Kinslaw; 4. John Landrum; 5. Joseph McDonough; 6. Charles Barker; 7. Herman Anthony; 8. Matthew Winkler; 9. Frederick Zimmer; 10. Henry Cooper.

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LIGHT AND POWER SECURES CHARTER

Wishes to Do Business on Broad Street—Application Before Council.

The Corporation Commission yesterday granted a charter to the Merchants' Operating Light and Power Company, of Richmond, John W. Tyler, and Samuel Syfer incorporated; capital stock, \$100,000; to engage in furnishing light and power in the city.

An application is now pending from the gentlemen in the City Council for a franchise to furnish light and power to the Grace Street building.

VIRGINIA'S RESOURCES

A Member of the Michigan Legislature Here Seeking Information.

Hon. William Finigan, a member of the Michigan Legislature, whose address is Green Bay, Mich., called upon Commissioner Koerner yesterday to obtain information in regard to the resources of Virginia and the advantages of State offered to home-seekers.

The commissioner had a number of other inquiries in regard to the State. Mr. Thompson, in answer to an inquiry in regard to locating in Virginia, and Walter S. Lyon, of Groton, N. Y., wrote for information concerning the advantages the State offered in the poultry business.

THE GREAT DE VAN

A Wonderful Act Specially Engaged for the Amateur Circus.

The great De Van has been engaged as a special feature of the amateur circus to be given at the Horse Show building on the afternoon and night of July 4th. The act consists of a man, who will not be made in coming to old Virginia.

Mr. J. L. Hastings, of Wisconsin, after conferring with Mr. Koerner, has located in Virginia, having yesterday purchased a farm in Chesterfield county.

MUCH POLITICS

Republican and Democratic Committees to Meet.

The Democratic and Republican State Central and Executive Committees will meet here this week-end. The latter, to meet on Saturday for the fall campaign.

The former will hold its session at noon to-morrow and the latter will convene at 8:30 o'clock to-night. The latter will be resumed the 8th of September, 1903.

IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE

Important Meeting of Citizens Called for This Evening.

It is expected that the Civic Improvement League, advocated by Mr. Charles B. Cooke and others, will be organized at a meeting of citizens held this evening at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. B. B. Valentine, No. 101 South Third Street.

The object of the organization will be the improvement of the waste places of the city and to cultivate in the people, young and old, the desire to have pretty yards and raise flowers and in other ways to beautify their homes and the city.

Will Sail Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. William Meade Clark left yesterday for New York, from which place they will sail on Saturday for Glasgow, Scotland, to visit England and the continent and will return about September 15th. The members of St. James Church, of which Mr. Clark is the rector, have presented him with a purse of gold.

Seaboard Earnings.

Following is a comparative statement of the annual earnings of the Seaboard Air Line system for the second week in June:

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Mr. Lathrop Recovering.

Mr. George A. Lathrop, Jr., formerly of the city, but now in New York, who has been quite sick with pneumonia in Cleveland, Ohio, is sufficiently improved to admit of his traveling and he will start for Richmond in a day or two.

Mattaponi Tribe.

Officers will be elected at the meeting of Mattaponi Tribe, Red Men, to-night.

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GALVESTON LEAVES

WAYS TO-DAY 3:30

Miss Sealy, Sponsor, and Party Arrived Last Night.

Admission by Card.

The Galveston will leave the ways at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Miss Ella Sealy, of Galveston, Texas, who is to christen the cruiser, and a party of four friends reached the city last night from New York. They are the guests of the United States Government at the Jefferson. The United States officers here, Messrs. Grossbeck and Thess, have had a good-sized force of men at work since they got possession of the cruiser, and by working up until noon to-day the vessel will be ready to leave her ways at the appointed hour.

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GO OUT OF TOWN

The Railroads Continue to Do a Good Business During the Strike.

Many persons are taking advantage of the disturbed conditions and the business depression consequent on the strike to get out of town on the numerous excursions to the seashore, and spend a few days in peace and pleasure reign. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway has excursions to Buckroe Beach every day now, and are carrying down large crowds in enjoyable day. The Clay-Street Methodist Sunday-school went down yesterday with about 350 persons in a train of nine coaches. The party returned shortly after 9 P. M., having spent a very West View Baptist Church and their friends will carry down a large party to the shore of the Chesapeake, Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church will go to-day.

Dr. Priddy Retires.

Dr. A. S. Priddy, former member of the House from Charlotte county, and more recently a resident surgeon at the Southern State Hospital, is in the city on private business. Dr. Priddy having resigned the latter position, he will devote himself to the practice of his profession.

STOMACH TROUBLES.

Twenty-five Cents Properly Invested Does More Good Than \$500 Spent for Medicines and Doctors' Bills. There is nothing that so utterly discourages a man as a disordered stomach. He cannot possibly comprehend that a few doses of the right medicine will put him on the high road to a complete recovery.

Mr. Samuel Bayser, of Polk, Iowa, says: "After doctoring about twelve years and spending nearly \$500 for medicines and doctors' fees, I purchased for my wife a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them, and they have done her more good than all the medicine I bought before." These Tablets improve the appetite, strengthen the digestion and regulate the bowels. Increased strength and vigor follows and the patient is soon as well as ever. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by all druggists.

Investigation to BE NO FARCE

Minor, Pollard and All the Committeemen Mean to Go to the Bottom.

The long talked of municipal investigation will begin in dead earnest before the special joint committee named by the Council in room No. 5, City Hall, at 8:30 o'clock to-night, and it seems well understood that if there is anything in the various allegations and rumors it will all come out before the sittings are over. While it has not yet been definitely determined who will be the first witness against the city, yet it is believed that this position will fall to Hon. D. C. Richardson, Attorney for the Commonwealth, who is familiar with the proceedings of the recent grand jury investigation. Captain Gasser will doubtless be the star witness of the first inquiry, which will relate entirely to the allegations concerning certain members of the old Street Committee.

Chairman Minor and Mr. Pollard will hold a consultation to-day, when they will map out a complete programme for the first night's work and issue summonses for the first batch of witnesses.

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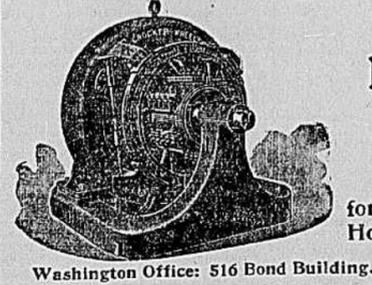
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The vessel will be launched in the river, and not in the canal, as other ships built by the Trigg Company have been launched. The channel of the James at this point has been deepened for this purpose. After the launching when the material on hand for the completion of the cruiser has been loaded on her, she will be taken in tow and carried to Norfolk, where the work remaining to be done will be accomplished.

Admission to the yards to see the launching will be by card. It was found necessary to put this restriction upon the admission of the public because of the impossibility to get sufficient police service, owing to the strike.

The contract price for the Galveston was \$1,027,000.

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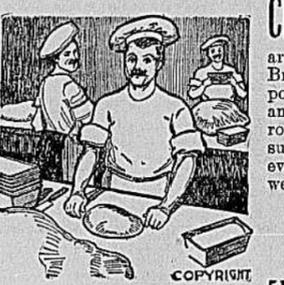
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